

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicant's Amended Appeal Brief filed August 1, 2007 is acknowledged.
2. The following changes have been noted:
 - a. The "Status of Claims" section has been expanded to include the claims currently under appeal.
 - b. The "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" section has been expanded to include the subject matter of the independent claims 1, 33, and 34.
3. The following changes should be entered to the Examiner's Answer dated July 28, 2006

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

2002/0082543	Park et al.	12-2001 (06-2002 published)
2004/0010237	D'Ussel	05-2001 (01-2004 published)
2002/0133129	Arias et al.	03-2001 (09-2002 published)
6,821,281	Sherman et al.	09-2001 (11-2004 published)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARTI BHATIA whose telephone number is (571) 270-5033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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